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LETTER DATED 4 FEBRUARY 1994 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF MALAYSIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Malaysia would like to emphasize the importance of developing a practice or mechanism that would allow direct and close consultations between the Security Council and the countries contributing troops to the United Nations Operation in Somalia (UNOSOM II).

My Government strongly believes that such consultations are necessary before decisions are taken by the Security Council, particularly with regard to changes in mandates. Through such a process, my Government hopes that the views of troop-contributing countries would be taken into account by the Security Council, without adversely affecting the prompt and effective action of the Security Council or its right to decide.

It is the view of my Government that such consultations would provide an avenue for meaningful and constructive discussions between troop-contributing countries and members of the Security Council.

Given the increasing number and scope of peace-keeping operations, my Government considers that such consultations should not be confined to only UNOSOM II, but also should extend to other peace-keeping operations, as and when necessary.

I would appreciate it if this letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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